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In Re the Application of:

SPIERS et al.

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For: "BLOCK DATA STORAGE
WITHIN A COMPUTER
NETWORK"

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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) Art Unit: 2141

) Examiner: Coulter, Kenneth R. Technology Center 2100

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of January 21, 2004, please amend
and reconsider the above-identified application as follows: